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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action for the above-identified application dated June 10, 2009, finally rejection claims 1 and 5.

This Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently with an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2009.

Applicants request a **three-month** extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2009, resetting the response date to December 10, 2009. The required three-month extension of time fee of **\$1,110.00** and Notice of Appeal fee of **\$540.00** are being paid by credit card.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

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